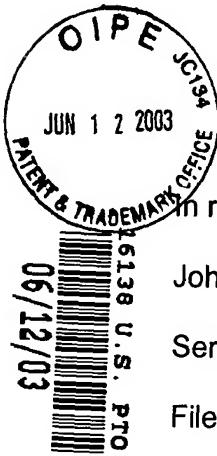


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**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is a  Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-In-Part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior patent application No. 09/441,898, filed November 17, 1999.

- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- 31 total application pages including specification, claims (41 total and 7 independent), and abstract are enclosed.
- A newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney  is enclosed  will follow.
- A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application is enclosed.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

- 10 sheets of formal drawings (8.5 x 11 paper; Figs. 1-13b) are enclosed.
- The prior application is assigned of record to: SURGICON, INC.
- The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP; Thomas H. Martin, Reg. No. 34,383; Amedeo F. Ferraro, Reg. No. 37,129; and Todd M. Martin, Reg. No. 42,844.
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- A certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form PTO-1449 is enclosed with English language abstracts.
- Amend the specification by rewriting paragraph 1 on page 1 to read as follows:

--This is a  continuation  divisional of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and claims benefit of U.S. Provisional application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--
- Cancel Claims \_\_\_\_\_.
- An Amendment is enclosed.

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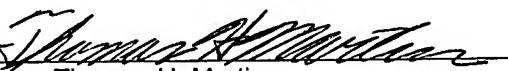
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Respectfully submitted,  
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